(ii) 1987—Ist position in Long Jump in SAF Games held at Calcutta.

(iii) 1988—No laurels.

(iv) 1989—Member of the Indian Relay team which won Gold Medal in the 4x400 Metres relay at Asian Track & Field Meet held at New Delhi.

(c) and (d) It is not fact that Ms. Mercy Kuttan was overlooked for the Arjuna Award in 1982, 1983 and 1988. She was duly considered along with others.

The criteria for selection are that the sports persons concerned should have had excellent and outstanding performances in the three preceding years, besides the achievement of excellence during the year for which the Award is given. In consideration of these criteria, the Awards were given in 1982 to Ms. Valsamma and in 1983 to Ms. P. T. Usha. Based on the same criteria and keeping in view Ms. Mercy Kuttan's performance as stated in reply to part (b), Ms. Ashwini Nachappa was chosen for the Award in 1989.

Ms. Mercy Kuttan had represented to the Government against this decision in respect of the Arjuna Award, 1988. Government have examined her representation and explained to her the reasons why she could not be recommended for the Award in 1988.

(e) The matter has been thoroughly examined by the Government.

(f) While clarifying to Ms. Kuttan the reasons for not giving her the Arjuna Award, 1988, Government have expressed the hope that she would keep up the spirit of Sportsmanship and continue participating in Sports activity. She has also been informed that the Department is very impressed with her performance and will consider her performance for other Awards.

Cleaning of Shipra River

2387. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the schemes drawn out for cleaning of Shipra river and for preventing pollution of the waters thereof;

(b) the progress made so far in implementation thereof, project-wise and by when the same are likely to be completed; and

(c) the expenditure incurred so far in respect of each project, the original estimated cost thereof and the likely cost by completion of each one?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh is implementing an action plan for cleaning the Shipra river. A total amount of Rs. 204.30 lakhs has been sanctioned for 11 schemes.

(b) As of June, 1990, out of a total of 11 schemes, 3 schemes have been completed. 6 schemes are in progress and the remaining 2 schemes are in the various stages of preparation. The works are targeted to be completed by December, 1991

(c) The expenditure incurred upto June 1990 on these works is Rs. 87.83 lakhs. The likely cost of the schemes at the time of completion cannot be indicated at this stage.

Upgradation/augmentation of Indian Coast Guard Ships

2388. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Vessels of Pakistan Maritime Agency are